



Oregon has a rich fossil history spanning the last 400 million years. There are many types of fresh water, marine (ocean) and terrestrial (land) invertebrate forms from throughout this long period. Oregon does not have dinosaur fossils because an ocean covered much of the state during this period. Marine reptiles and invertebrate fossils do exist from this time. Much of the vertebrate and botanical fossil record in Oregon covers the last 50 million years, known as the Age of Mammals.